

TO : ARTICHOKE Representatives

FROM : Director of Security

SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE; Restatement of Program

DATE: 16 July 1953

1. Reference is made to attached SO memorandum dated 21 November 1952 addressed to the Assistant Director, OSI; Chief, Medical Staff; and Chief, OTS, the subject, "Project ARTICHOKE."

2. Reference is also made to the informal conference held Thursday, 9 July 1953 with ~~_____~~ and the writer present.

3. At the above-mentioned conference held 9 July 1953, ~~_____~~ stated he felt in view of the expanding work being carried out in all fields in the ARTICHOKE program and with the constantly enlarging numbers of contacts and consultants and the imminent possibility of experimental work being undertaken both in the United States and overseas, it would be well to redefine the specific interests and activities of all those working with the Project ARTICHOKE and bring up to date and set out for examination the present and future plans of each group engaged in this work. ~~_____~~ said he felt that in order to prevent duplication of effort and to increase and stimulate interest and activity on behalf of ARTICHOKE, and particularly to bend every effort to find new methods, new techniques, new chemicals, etc. which would work to the benefit of this Agency, all parties interested should re-examine their work and understand clearly how each group would work with and support the activities of the others involved in the ARTICHOKE program.

4. The basic memorandum referred to in Paragraph 1 above very clearly sets forth in general terms the responsibilities of the Medical Staff, of OTS, OSI and of SD in connection with the ARTICHOKE program. This memorandum also affixes and assigns in general terms the various responsibilities of the participating groups and affirms that these responsibilities had been concurred in previously in a staff study dated 29 August 1952.

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5. ~~Experiments~~ further stated in the above-mentioned conference that there were many places where responsibilities would lie jointly between various participating groups and there would be a great deal of overlapping since it appeared obvious the field was tremendous and the effort not covered so many diverse activities.

6. It is felt that a restatement of the aims of ARTICHOKE is essential at this time. Briefly, these basic aims may be stated as follows:

- a. To perfect techniques utilizing existing drugs, hypnosis, and other elements for the extraction of information from individuals whether willing or not.
- b. To provide field teams for testing, experimenting and refining techniques utilizing currently known and recommended new materials for the extraction of information from indigenous personnel under field conditions.
- c. In coordination with TSS and the Medical Staff arrange for research and experimentation within the facilities of those two components for the development of means for the control of the activities and mental capacities of individuals whether willing or not.
- d. Conduct liaison and initial research in fields and areas not within the immediate capabilities of TSS and the Medical Staff for the development of ideas and possible means of exerting control over the activities and mental capacities of individuals.
- e. Control the operational use of ARTICHOKE techniques and serve as the support element to the operational components in the use of such techniques.
- f. Explore means through indoctrination and training of preventing the enemy from gaining control over the activities and mental capacities of Agency personnel.
- g. Serve as the coordinating element among all components for the Agency on those matters concerning the operational use of ARTICHOKE techniques.
- h. Arrange for the exchange of information concerning ARTICHOKE techniques and research and development among those elements primarily concerned as OSI, TSS, Medical Division, DDP and Security Office.

1. Conduct authorized liaison with other components of government in the ARTICHOKÉ field and arrange for liaison responsibility through the Agency component having the most pertinent interest in new projects or activities in other departments having bearing on the overall ARTICHOKÉ project.

7. It should be recognized that there are many facets of possible ARTICHOKÉ interest which have never been adequately explored from the standpoint operational ARTICHOKÉ use. TSS and the Medical Division will be expected, from the framework of their capabilities, to conduct the basic research as to whether or not such elements have any possible application to operational use for ARTICHOKÉ purposes. The introduction of new ideas and new techniques are the responsibility of all components concerned and should be presented by each component with as much background material as is possible. In this capacity the Security Office will maintain contact and liaison with scientific and technical specialists in these fields for the basic development of ideas and the suggestions of new means for possible use in ARTICHOKÉ. Such action will be conducted in full coordination with the other interested components to insure that there is no duplication of effort.


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